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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, and 13, as follows:

1. (Amended) A therapeutic agent for drug-resistant hypercalcemia

comprising an active ingredient that inhibits the binding between PTHrP and a receptor thereof.

2. (Amended) The therapeutic agent according to claim 1, wherein the

drug-resistant hypercalcemia is resistant to a therapeutic agent for hypercalcemia other than an active ingredient that inhibits the binding between PTHrP and a receptor thereof.

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